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132. (Amended) A media browsing server according to claim 131, wherein
said means for transferring comprises means for establishing a media session upon the
second device and means for terminating a media session upon the first device.

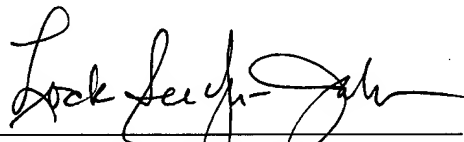
REMARKS

Claims 1-132 are presented for examination and have been amended to
correct certain informalities not believed to be related to patentability.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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1. (Amended) A method of interpreting metadata in a [media] multimedia
browsing system, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a description of an item of multimedia content;

reviewing the description to identify metadata associated therewith;

examining [said] the metadata to determine [those (first)] first metadata items that
conform to one of a predetermined number of known metadata standards and converting each
[said] of the first metadata [item] items to an interpretable form used in [said] the browsing
system; and

examining [said] the metadata to determine [those] remaining metadata items that
do not conform to any of [said] the known metadata standards[,] and, for each [said] of the
remaining metadata items:

(i) assessing a syntax of [said] that item to classify [said] that item to one
of a set of types known to [said] the browsing system[;], and

(ii) converting [said] that item according to [said one type] a known
metadata standard to [said] the interpretable form.

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein [for steps (i) and (ii) said]
the set of types [include] known to the browsing system includes a type that classifies [said] an

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item as being a table of contents item.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein [for steps (i) and (ii) said type] the set of types known to the browsing system includes a type that classifies [the] an item as an index item.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein [said] the interpretable form comprises attributes used by [said] the multimedia browsing system for visual representation of [said] the description.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein [said] the description is expressed in XML.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein said receiving step comprises parsing [said] the description.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 5,
wherein, for [steps] substeps (i) and (ii), an href attribute is construed to be a link and represented as an xlink:href attribute, and

wherein, if a target value of [said] the link is a URI with one of an extension of

XML [or] and no extension, then [said] the link is interpreted to be a link to another description, otherwise [said] the link is interpreted to be a link to [the] content corresponding to [said] the description.

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein, for [steps] substeps (i) and (ii), an element is classified as a table of contents item if at least one of the [element] elements and [any] a corresponding [children] child thereof [contains] includes a link.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein [said] the link is represented using an element, with a context of the [said] element [content containing the] including a link target.

10. (Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein [said] the link is represented using an attribute [wherein the], and a value of the attribute [contains the] includes a link target.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein an element not classified as a table of contents item is interpreted to be an index item.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein:

(a) if [a] an item does not [have] include either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and

(b) if a name attribute exists[;],
then a text identifier is created from the name attribute of [said] that item.

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 5₁ wherein:

(a) if [a] an item does not [have] include either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and

(b) if a name attribute does not exist[;],
then a text identifier is created from a name of the element [name].

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 wherein:

(a) if [a] an item does not [have] include either a visual identifier or a text identifier;

(b) if a name attribute exists; and

(c) if [said] the name attribute is one of a class of attributes that can [acct] act as a visual identifier[;],

then a visual identifier is created from a name of the element [name].

15. (Amended) A method according to claim 14₁ wherein [said] the visual

identifier is formed by checking [said] the name attribute against a list of possible visual identifier names.

16. (Amended) A method according to claim 14, wherein [said] the name [attributes] attribute relates to at least one of a key frame, a thumbnail, and a movie preview.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein [said converting] conversion is performed using an XSLT stylesheet.

18. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computer execute a procedure to interpret metadata in a [media] multimedia browsing system, [said] the program comprising:

code for receiving a description of an item of multimedia content;

code for reviewing the description to identify metadata associated therewith;

code for examining [said] the metadata to determine [those (first)] first metadata items that conform to one of a predetermined number of known metadata standards and converting each [said] of the first metadata [item] items to an interpretable form used in [said] the browsing system; and

code for examining [said] the metadata to determine [those] remaining metadata items that do not conform to any of [said] the known metadata standards[,], and, for each [said] of

the remaining metadata items:

(i) assessing a syntax of [said] that item to classify [said] that item to one of a set of types known to [said] the browsing system[;], and

(ii) converting [said] that item according to [said one type] a known metadata standard to [said] the interpretable form.

19. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 18, wherein [for steps (i) and (ii) said] the set of types [include] known to the browsing system includes a type that classifies [said] an item as being a table of contents item.

20. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 18, wherein [for steps (i) and (ii) said type] the set of types known to the browsing system includes a type that classifies [the] an item as an index item.

21. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 18, wherein [said] the interpretable form comprises attributes used by [said] the multimedia browsing system for visual representation of [said] the description.

22. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim [25] 21, wherein [said] the description is expressed in XML.

23. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein [said] the code for receiving comprises code for parsing [said] the description.

24. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein [said] the code for examining [for steps (i) and (ii),] the metadata to determine remaining metadata items is operable to construe an href attribute to be a link and represent the [same] href attribute as an xlink:href attribute, and

wherein, if a target value of [said] the link is a URI with one of an extension of XML [or] and no extension, then [said] the link is interpreted to be a link to another description, otherwise [said] the link is interpreted to be a link to [the] content corresponding to [said] the description.

25. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein [said] the code for examining, [for steps (i) and (ii),] the metadata to determine remaining metadata items is operable to classify an element [is] as a table of contents item if at least one of the [element] elements and any corresponding [children] child thereof [contains] includes a link.

26. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 25, wherein, [said] the link is represented using an element, with a content of the [said] element [content containing the] including a link target.

27. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 25, wherein [said] the link is represented using an attribute [wherein the], and a value of the attribute [contains the] includes a link target.

28. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 25, wherein an element not classified as a table of contents item is interpreted to be an index item.

29. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein [said] the code for examining [for steps (i) and (ii)] the metadata to determine remaining metadata items is operable such that:

(a) if [a] an item does not [have] include either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and

(b) if a name attribute exists[;],

then a text identifier is created from the name attribute of [said] that item.

30. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein [said] the code for examining [for steps (i) and (ii)] the metadata to determine remaining metadata items is operable such that:

(a) if [a] an item does not [have] include either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and

(b) if a name attribute does not exist[;],
then a text identifier is created from a name of the element [name].

31. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein
[said] the code for examining [for steps (i) and (ii)] the metadata to determine remaining
metadata items is operable such that:

(a) if [a] an item does not [have] include either a visual identifier or a text
identifier;

(b) if a name attribute exists; and

(c) if [said] the name attribute is one of a class of attributes that can [acct] act as a
visual identifier[;],

then a visual identifier is created from a name of the element [name].

32. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 31, wherein
[said] the visual identifier is formed by checking [said] the name attribute against a list of
possible visual identifier names.

33. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 31, wherein
[said] the name [attributes] attribute relates to at least one of a key frame, a thumbnail, and a
movie preview.

34. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 22, wherein [said code for converting] conversion is [operable] performed using an XSLT stylesheet.

35. (Amended) Computer apparatus for interpreting metadata in a [media] multimedia browsing system, said [program] apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a description of an item of multimedia content;

means for reviewing the description to identify metadata associated therewith;

first means for examining [said] the metadata to determine [those (first)] first metadata items that conform to one of a predetermined number of known metadata standards and converting each [said] of the first metadata [item] items to an interpretable form used in [said] the browsing system; and

second means for examining [said] the metadata to determine [those] remaining metadata items that do not conform to any of [said] the known metadata standards[,] and, for each [said] of the remaining metadata items:

(i) assessing a syntax of [said] that item to classify [said] that item to one of a set of types known to [said] the browsing system[;], and

(ii) converting [said] that item according to [said one type] a known metadata standard to [said] the interpretable form.

36. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 35, wherein [said] the set

of types [include] known to the browsing system includes a type that classifies [said] an item as being a table of contents item.

37. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 35, wherein [said type] the set of types known to the browsing system includes a type that classifies [the] an item as an index item.

38. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 35, wherein [said] the interpretable form comprises attributes used by [said] the multimedia browsing system for visual representation of [said] the description.

39. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 38, wherein [said] the description is expressed in XML.

40. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim [22] 39, wherein said means for receiving comprises means for parsing [said] the description.

41. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 39,
wherein said second means for [second] examining is operable to construe an href attribute to be a link and represent [the same] the href attribute as an xlink:href attribute,

and

wherein, if a target value of [said] the link is a URI with one of an extension of XML [or] and no extension, then [said] the link is interpreted to be a link to another description, otherwise [said] the link is interpreted to be a link to [the] content corresponding to [said] the description.

42. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said second means for [second] examining is operable to classify an element [is] as a table of contents item if at least one of the [element] elements and [any] a corresponding [children] child thereof [contains] includes a link.

43. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 42, wherein [said] the link is represented using an element, with a content of the [said] element [content containing the] including a link target.

44. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 42, wherein [said] the link is represented using an attribute [wherein the], and a value of the attribute [contains] includes the link target.

45. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 42, wherein an element

not classified as a table of contents item is interpreted to be an index item.

46. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said second means for [second] examining is operable such that:

(a) if [a] an item does not [have] include either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and

(b) if a name attribute exists[;],

then a text identifier is created from the name attribute of [said] that item.

47. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said second means for [second] examining is operable such that:

(a) if [a] an item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and

(b) if a name attribute does not exist[;],

then a text identifier is created from a name of the element [name].

48. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said second means for examining is operable such that:

(a) if [a] an item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier;

(b) if a name attribute exists; and

(c) if [said] the name attribute is one of a class of attributes that can [acct] act as a

visual identifier[;],

then a visual identifier is created from a name of the element [name].

49. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 48, wherein [said] the visual identifier is formed by checking [said] the name attribute against a list of possible visual identifier names.

50. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 48, wherein [said] the name [attributes] attribute relates to at least one of a key frame, a thumbnail, and a movie preview.

51. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 39, wherein [said code for converting] conversion is [operable] performed using an XSLT stylesheet.

52. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 35, wherein [said] the multimedia browsing system is implemented at least in part by said computer apparatus.

53. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 52, wherein said computer apparatus is formed [by] of a server to which individual users of [said] the multimedia browsing system connect.

54. (Amended) A method of maintaining a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where [said] the personal information landscape comprises a set of at least one link to a corresponding metadata entity of a plurality of metadata entities, [said] the plurality of metadata entities each [having] including at least one link to [at least one of a further] another metadata entity and a content entity, said method comprising the steps of:

(i) representing and storing [each] an entity target of [said links] the at least one link as [an] a universal resource identifier (URI);

(ii) representing [said links] the at least one link [in] as an interface from which a user can navigate through [said] the personal information landscape, using [said links] the at least one link to a corresponding metadata [entities] entity, and select to reproduce [the] content using [said links] the at least one link to [said] a content [entities] entity; and

(iii) enabling the user to modify [said] the personal information landscape by adding new links to a metadata [entities] entity and [one of] by deleting or modifying an existing [links] link to a metadata [entities] entity, [in which] wherein modifications are stored with the [said users] user's personal information landscape.

55. (Amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein [said] reproduction of content comprises at least one of playing and viewing the content.

56. (Amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein [step] substep (i)

further comprises representing and storing [said] the entity target with a component identifier, [where said] wherein the component identifier [identifying] is used to identify a component of [the] an entity addressed by the URI.

57. (Amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein [said] the content entity comprises an item of digital signal content.

58. (Amended) A method according to claim 57, wherein [said] the item of digital signal content comprises a digital image item.

59. (Amended) A method according to claim 57, wherein [said] the item of digital signal content comprises a digital video item.

60. (Amended) A method according to claim 57, wherein [said] the item of digital signal content comprises a digital audio item.

61. (Amended) A method according to claim 57, wherein [said] the content entity comprises an item of electronic text.

62. (Amended) A method according to claim 57, wherein [said] the content entity

comprises an item of electronic hypertext.

63. (Amended) A method according to claim 57, wherein [said] the content entity comprises an item of non-electronically-accessible content, in which case the [item of] content entity cannot be viewed or played.

64. (Amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein [said] the plurality of metadata entities [comprise] are XML documents.

65. (Amended) A method according to claim 56, wherein [said] the component identifier identifies a node of an XML element tree.

66. (Amended) A method according to claim 56, wherein [said] the component identifier comprises an XPointer.

67. (Amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein [said] the interface is implemented using [an] a web browsing application.

68. (Amended) A method according to claim 67, wherein functionality used to play or view [said] the content is provided by plug-ins for [said] the web browsing application.

69. (Amended) A method according to claim 67 wherein [said] the web browsing application comprises a generic application.

70. (Amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein functionality used to play or view the content is provided by a plug-in specifically designed for the [said] interface.

71. (Amended) A method of maintaining a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where [said] the personal information landscape comprises a set of at least one link to a corresponding metadata entity of a plurality of metadata entities, [wherein each said] the plurality of metadata [entity comprises] entities being comprised of at least one link to [one of a further] another metadata entity or to a content entity, said method comprising the steps of:

(i) representing and storing [each] an entity target of [said links] the at least one link as [an] a universal resource identifier (URI);

(ii) representing [said links in] the at least one link as an interface from which a user can navigate through [said] the personal information landscape, using [said links] the at least one link to the corresponding metadata [entities] entity, and select to reproduce [the] content using [said links] the at least one link to [said] a content [entities] entity;

(iii) enabling [said] the user to search for particular entities [using said metadata entities] by specifying desired properties for the [said] particular entities and then performing a

matching operation on [said desirable] the desired properties with properties of [said] entities [contained] in [the said] one or more metadata entities corresponding to the at least one link;

(iv) enabling [said] the user to modify [said] the personal information landscape by at least one of adding new links to metadata entities, deleting existing links, and modifying existing links to metadata entities, wherein [said] the new links and [said] modifications to existing links are stored with [said] the personal information landscape.

72. (Amended) A method according to claim 71, wherein [step] substep (i) further comprises representing and storing [said] the entity target with a component identifier, [where said] the component identifier [identifies] identifying an identifiable component of [the] an entity identified by the URI.

73. (Amended) A method according to claim 71, wherein [said] the particular entities [being] searched for [comprise] are content entities.

74. (Amended) Computer apparatus for maintaining a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where [said] the personal information landscape comprises a set of [one or more links to] at least one link to a corresponding metadata [entities] entity of a plurality of metadata entities, [said] the plurality of metadata entities each [having] including at least one link to [at least one of a further] another metadata entity and a content

entity, said apparatus comprising:

first means for representing and storing [each] an entity target of [said links] the at least one link as [an] a universal resource identifier (URI);

second means for representing [said links in] the at least one link as an interface from which the user can navigate through [said] the personal information landscape, using [said links] the at least one link to a corresponding metadata [entities] entity, and select to play or view [the] content using [said links] the at least one link to [said] a content [entities] entity; and

third means for modifying [said] the personal information landscape by at least one of adding new links to metadata entities [and], deleting [or] existing links to metadata entities, and modifying existing links to metadata entities, [said] wherein modifications [being]; are stored with the [said users] user's personal information landscape.

75. (Amended) Computer apparatus for maintaining a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where [said] the personal information landscape comprises a set of [one or more links to] at least one link to a corresponding metadata [entities] entity of a plurality of metadata entities, wherein each [said] metadata entity [comprises] is comprised of at least one [or more links] link to [either a further] another metadata entity or to a content entity, said apparatus comprising:

first means for representing and storing [each] an entity target of [said links] the at least one link as [an] a universal resource identifier (URI);

second means for representing [said links in] the at least one link as an interface from which the user can navigate through [said] the personal information landscape, using [said links] the at least one link to a corresponding metadata [entities] entity, and select to play or view [the] content using [said links] the at least one link to [said] a content [entities] entity;

third means for enabling [said] the user to search for particular entities [using said metadata entities] by specifying the desirable properties for the [said] particular entities and then [attempting to match said] performing a matching operation on the desirable properties with [the] properties of [said] entities [contained] included in the [said] plurality of metadata entities; and

fourth means for modifying [said] the personal information landscape by at least one of adding new links to metadata entities [and], deleting [or] existing links, and modifying existing links to metadata entities, [said] wherein modifications [being] to existing links are stored with [said] the personal information landscape.

76. (Amended) Computer apparatus according to claim 74, wherein said apparatus comprises a server to which [said] the user [operatively] connects.

77. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon[, where the program is configured to make] for causing a computer to execute a procedure to maintain a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where [said] the personal information landscape comprises a set of at least one link to a corresponding

metadata entity of a plurality of metadata entities, [said] the plurality of metadata entities [each having] being comprised of at least one link to [at least one of a further] another metadata entity and a content entity, [said] the program comprising:

first code for representing and storing [each] a entity target of [said links] the at least one link as an universal resource identifier (URI);

second code for representing [said links in] the at least one link as an interface from which a user can navigate through [said] the personal information landscape, using [said links] the at least one link to a corresponding metadata [entities] entity, and select to reproduce [the] content using [said links] the at least one link to [said] the content [entities] entity; and

third code for enabling the user to modify [said] the personal information landscape by at least one of adding new links to metadata entities [and one of], deleting [or] existing links, and modifying existing links to metadata entities, [in which] wherein modifications [are] to existing links are stored with the [said users] user's personal information landscape.

78. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 77, wherein [said] reproduction of content comprises at least one of playing and viewing the content.

79. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 77, wherein said first code [further] comprises code for representing and storing [said] the entity target with a

component identifier, where [said] the component identifier [identifying] identifies a component of [the] an entity addressed by the URI.

80. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 77, wherein [said] the content entity comprises an item of digital signal content, and [said] the item of digital signal content comprises at least one of a digital image item, a digital video item, a digital audio item, an item of electronic text, and an item of electronic hypertext.

81. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 77, wherein [said] the content entity comprises an item of non-electronically-accessible content, [in] which [case the item of content] cannot be viewed or played.

82. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 77, wherein [said] the plurality of metadata entities comprise XML documents.

83. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 79, wherein [said] the component identifier identifies a node of an XML element tree.

84. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 79, wherein [said] the component identifier comprises an XPointer.

85. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 77, wherein [said] the interface is implemented using [an] a web browsing application.

86. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 85, wherein functionality used to play or view [said] the content is provided by plug-ins for [said] the web browsing application.

87. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 85, wherein [said] the web browsing application comprises a generic application.

88. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 77, wherein functionality used to play or view content is provided by a plug-in specifically designed for the [said] interface.

89. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon[, where the program is configured to make] for causing a computer to execute a procedure to maintain a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where [said] the personal information landscape comprises a set of at least one link to a corresponding metadata entity of a plurality of metadata entities, [wherein each said] the plurality of metadata [entity] entities [comprises] comprised of at least one link to [one of a further] another metadata

entity or to a content entity, [said] the program comprising:

first code for representing and storing [each] an entity target of [said links] the at least one link as [an] a universal resource identifier (URI);

second code for representing [said links in] the at least one link as an interface from which the user can navigate through [said] the personal information landscape, using [said links] the at least one link to a corresponding metadata [entities] entity, and select to play or view [the] content using [said links] the at least one link to [said] the content [entities] entity;

third code for enabling [said] the user to search for particular entities [using said metadata entities] by specifying desired properties for the [said] particular entities and then performing a matching operation on [said desirable] desired properties with properties of [said] entities [contained] in the [said] plurality of metadata entities; and

fourth code for enabling [said] the user to modify [said] the personal information landscape by at least one of adding new links to metadata entities, deleting existing links, and modifying existing links to metadata entities, wherein [said] the new links and [said] modifications to existing links are stored with [said] the personal information landscape.

90. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 89, wherein said first code [further] comprises code for representing and storing [said] the entity target with a component identifier, where [said] the component identifier identifies an identifiable component of [the] an entity identified by the URI.

91. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim 89, wherein [said] the particular entities [being] searched for [comprise] are content entities.

92. (Amended) A method of communicating metadata between users of a multimedia browsing service, [said] the service including a storage [of] unit storing a table-of-contents of metadata for [items able to be browsed and selected] browsable and selectable items, by a corresponding user of [said] the service, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) extracting, at a first device [having a] corresponding to a first user, metadata relating to a selected media item from a table-of-contents of [a] the first user;

(b) transferring [said] the metadata for [said] the selected media item from [said] the first device to a second device [having a] corresponding to a second user; and

(c) [said] the second device receiving [said] the metadata and informing [said media] the multimedia browsing service to update a table-of-contents [of said] for the second user in [said] the storage unit with [said] the metadata for [said] the selected media item.

93. (Amended) A method of communicating links to metadata between users of a [media] multimedia browsing service, [said] the service including a storage [of] unit storing a browsable table-of-contents of links to metadata for selectable items for each user of [said] the service, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) extracting, at a first device [having a] corresponding to a first user, a link to metadata relating to a selected item from a table-of-contents of [said] the first user;

(b) transferring [said] the link to metadata for [said] the selected item [to a second user] from [said] the first device[,] to a second device [having a] corresponding to a second user;
and

(c) [said] the second device receiving [said] the link to metadata and informing [said media] the multimedia browsing service to update a table-of-contents [of said] for the second user in [said] the storage unit with [said] the link to metadata for [said] the selected item.

94. (Amended) A method according to claim 92, wherein said transferring comprises at least partial wireless communication between [said] the first device and [said] the second device.

95. (Amended) A method according to claim 92, wherein [said] the selected item is an item of digital audiovisual content.

96. (Amended) A method of communicating metadata between a user device of a [media] multimedia browsing system and [a further] an external device that is not [being] part of [said] the multimedia browsing system, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) extracting [said] the metadata from a table of contents associated with [said]

the user device and repositied with [said media] the multimedia browsing system;

(b) associating [said] the extracted metadata with an address of [said media] the multimedia browsing system and a logon to [said] the multimedia browsing system, and enveloping the associated [components] metadata and the address in a voucher; and

(c) communicating [said] the voucher from [said] the user device to [said] the further device [thereby] enabling a user of [said further] the external device to access [to said media] the multimedia browsing system using [said] the logon [and] to [thereby] gain access from [said media] the multimedia browsing system to media content referenced by [said] the metadata.

97. (Amended) A method according to claim 96, wherein [said media] the multimedia browsing system comprises a computer server apparatus to which [said] the user device and [said further] the external device are each [operatively connectable] connected.

98. (Amended) A method according to claim 96, wherein [said] the voucher substantiates a right-to-use [said] of the media content for [said further] the external device.

99. (Amended) A method according to claim [95] 96, wherein [said] the voucher is temporal and expires after a predetermined time period established and commenced upon formation of [said] the voucher.

100. (Amended) A method according to claim 96, wherein a right-to-use [said] of the media content of [said] the user device is transferred to [said further] the external device.

101. (Amended) A method according to claim 96, wherein a right-to-use [said] of the media content of [said further] the external device defaults to a single use.

102. (Amended) A method according to claim 96, wherein a right-to-use [said] of the media content of [said further] the external device is determined using [said] the metadata.

103. (Amended) A method according to claim 102, wherein [said] determination of the right-to-use is performed by [said media] the multimedia browsing server using [said] the metadata.

104. (Amended) A method according to claim 102, wherein [said] determination of the right-to-use is performed by a [media] multimedia browsing server associated with [said] the media content.

105. (Amended) A multimedia device comprising:
means for operatively connecting said multimedia device to a multimedia browsing service, [said] the browsing service including a storage [of] unit storing a

table-of-contents including at least one of metadata and links to metadata [able to be browsed and selected] browsable and selectable items by a user of [said] the device and [said] the browsing service;

means for extracting one of metadata [or] and a link to metadata relating to a selected media item from [said] a table-of-contents of a user; and

means for transferring [said] the extracted metadata or link to metadata for [said] the selected item from [said] the device to [a further] another device [having a] corresponding [further] to another user.

106. (Amended) A multimedia device according to claim 105, wherein said means for transferring comprises means for wireless communication between at least one of [said] the browsing service and [said further] the other device.

107. (Amended) A multimedia device according to claim 105, wherein [said] the selected item is an item of digital audiovisual content and said multimedia device comprises an audiovisual reproduction [means] unit.

108. (Amended) A multimedia device according to claim 105, wherein [said further] the other device operatively corresponds to [said] another multimedia device.

109. (Amended) A multimedia device comprising:

means for receiving at least one of metadata [or] and a link to metadata for a media item from a first device [having a] corresponding to a first user;

means for operatively connecting said multimedia device to a multimedia browsing service, [said] the browsing service including a storage [of] unit storing a table-of-contents including at least one of metadata and links to metadata for items [able to be browsed and selected] browsable and selectable by a user of said multimedia device and [said] the browsing service; and

means for updating [said one] metadata or a link to metadata relating to [said] a media item [to said] in a table-of-contents of [said] the user.

110. (Amended) A device according to claim 109, wherein said means for receiving comprise means for wireless communication between [at least one of said] the browsing service and [said further] another device.

111. (Amended) A device according to claim 109, wherein [said] a selected item is an item of digital audiovisual content and said multimedia device comprises an audiovisual reproduction [means] unit.

112. (Amended) A multimedia device comprising:

means for extracting metadata from a table of contents associated with a user of said multimedia device and repositing with a [media] multimedia browsing system to which said multimedia device is operatively connectable;

means for associating [said] the extracted metadata with an address of [said media] the multimedia browsing system and a logon to [said] the multimedia browsing system, and then enveloping the associated [components] metadata and the address in a voucher; and

means for communicating [said] the voucher from said multimedia device to [a further] another device [thereby enabling] to enable a user of [said further] the other device to access to [said media] the multimedia browsing system using [said] the logon, and to [thereby] access media content referenced by [said] the metadata from [said media] the multimedia browsing system.

113. (Amended) A device according to claim [109] 112, wherein [said] the voucher comprises components relating to at least one of:

(a) a time period by which [said] the media content can be accessed by [said further] the other device;

(b) a quality of service by which [said] the media content can be reproduced by [said further] the other device; and

(c) a number of instances by which [said] the media content can be reproduced by [said further] the other device.

114. (Amended) A device according to claim [110] 113, wherein [said] the components are established from [said] the extracted metadata.

115. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon[, where the program is configured to make a computerised] for causing a computerized device to execute a procedure to communicate metadata between users of a multimedia browsing service, [said] the program comprising:

code for operatively connecting [said] the computerized device to [said] the multimedia browsing service, [said] the browsing service including a storage [of] unit storing a table-of-contents [including] that includes at least one of metadata and links to metadata for items able to be browsed and selected by a user of [said] the computerized device and [said] the browsing service;

code for extracting [one of] metadata or a link to metadata [relating] related to a selected [media] item from [said] a table-of-contents of a user; and

code for transferring [said] the extracted metadata or the extracted link to metadata for [said] the selected item from [said] the computerized device to [a further] another device [having a] corresponding [further] to another user.

116. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon[, where the program is configured to make] for causing a [computerised] computerized

device to execute a procedure to communicate metadata between users of a multimedia browsing service, [said] the program comprising:

code for receiving least one of metadata [or] and a link to metadata for a media item from a first device [having a] corresponding to a first user;

code for operatively connecting [said computerised] the computerized device to [said] the multimedia browsing service, [said] the browsing service including a storage [of] unit storing a table-of-contents including at least one of metadata and links to metadata for items able to be browsed and selected by a user of [said computerised] the computerized device and [said] the browsing service; and

[means] code for updating [said one] metadata or a link to metadata relating to [said] the media item to [said] a table-of-contents of [said] a user.

117. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon[, where the program is configured to make a computerised device] to cause a computerized device to execute a procedure to communicate metadata between users of a multimedia browsing service, [said] the program comprising:

code for extracting metadata from a table of contents associated with a user of [said computerised] the computerized device and repositied with a media browsing system to which [said computerised] the computerized device is operatively connectable;

code for associating [said] the extracted metadata with an address of [said] the

media browsing system and a logon to [said] the system and then enveloping the associated [components] metadata and the address in a voucher; and

code for communicating [said] the voucher from [said computerised] the computerized device to [a further] another device [thereby enabling] to enable a user of [said further] the other device to access [to said] the media browsing system using [said] the logon and to [thereby] access to media content referenced by [said] the metadata from [said] the media browsing system.

118. (Amended) A method of transferring a media session from a first device to a second device, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) establishing a media session sourced via a media browsing server upon [said] the first device;

(b) actuating a control on [said] the first device to:

(i) transfer to [said] the second device details of [said] the media session;

(ii) receive from the second device an identification thereof known to [said] the media browsing server; and

(iii) transfer the received identification of [said] the second device to [said] the media browsing server; and

(c) [said] the media browsing server terminating an output of [said] the media session to [said] the first device and directing [said] the output of [said] the media session to

[said] the second device.

119. (Amended) A method according to claim [115] 118, wherein step (c) comprises modifying a quality of service of [said] the media session dependent upon reproduction attributes of [said] the second device.

120. (Amended) A method according to claim [116] 119, wherein [said] the modifying alters a form of communication between [said] the first device and [said] the second device.

121. (Amended) A method according to claim [115] 118, wherein a quality of reproduction of [said] the media session is limited [within] by reproduction attributes of [said] the second device to be no better than [that] those of [said] the first device.

122. (Amended) A method according to claim [116] 119, wherein, when [said] the second device offers a higher quality of reproduction of [said] the media session that the first device, step (c) comprises a commercial transaction to enable [said] the modifying.

123. (Amended) A method according to claim [116] 119, wherein [said] the media session was [obtained] originated at a selected quality of service and reproduction of

[said] the media session on each [said] device is performed at a maximum quality of service afforded by [the] that corresponding [said] device and no reproduction is better than [said] the selected quality of service.

124. (Amended) A method according to claim [115] 118, wherein [said] the devices are selected from [the] a group consisting of: a desktop computer, a portable computer, a mobile telephone, and a mobile sound reproduction apparatus.

125. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon[, where the program is configured to make] to cause a first [computerised] computerized device to execute a procedure to transfer a media session from [said] a first device to a second device, [said] the program comprising:

code for establishing a media session [upon said] utilizing the first device and sourced via a media browsing server;

code for transferring to [said] the second device details of [said] the media session;

code for receiving from second device an identification of [said] the second device known to [said] the media browsing server; and

code for transferring the received identification [of said] for the second device to [said] the media browsing server.

126. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon[, where the program is configured to make a first computerised] for causing a computerized device to execute a procedure to receive a media session from a second device, [said] the program comprising:

code for receiving from [said] the second device details of a media session occurring on [said] the second device;

code for transferring to [said] the second device an identification of [said computerised] the computerized device known to a media browsing server from which [said] the media session is sourced; and

code for establishing [said] the media session upon [said computerised] the computerized device and sourced via [said] the media browsing server.

127. (Amended) A computer-readable medium[, having] with a program recorded thereon[, where the program is configured to make a computerised] to cause a computerized media browsing server to execute a procedure to transfer a media session from a first device to a second device, [said] the program comprising:

code for establishing [said] a media session upon [said] the first device [and] sourced via [said] the media browsing server;

code for receiving from the first device an identification of [said] the second device known to [said] the media browsing server; and

code for transferring [said] the media session from [said] the first device to [said] the second device.

128. (Amended) A computer-readable medium according to claim [124] 127, wherein said code for transferring comprises code for establishing [said] a media session upon [said] the second device and code for terminating [said] the media session upon [said] the first device.

129. (Amended) A multimedia reproduction device comprising:
means for establishing a media session upon said device and sourced via a media browsing server;

means for transferring to [a further] another device details of [said] the media session;

means for receiving from [said further] the other device an identification of [said further] the other device known to [said] the media browsing server; and

means for transferring the received identification of [said further] the other device to [said] the media browsing server.

130. (Amended) A multimedia reproduction device comprising:

means for receiving from [a further] another device details of a media session

occurring on [said further] the other device and sourced via a media browsing server;

means for transferring to [said further] the other device an identification of said the multimedia reproduction device known to [said] the media browsing server; and

means for establishing [said] a media session upon said multimedia reproduction device and sourced via [said] the media browsing server.

131. (Amended) A media browsing server comprising:

means for establishing a media session upon a first multimedia reproduction device and sourced via said media browsing server;

means for receiving from [said] a first device an identification of a second multimedia reproduction device known to said media browsing server; and

means for transferring [said] the media session from [said] the first device to [said] a second device.

132. (Amended) A media browsing server according to claim [128] 131, wherein said means for transferring comprises means for establishing [said] a media session upon [said] the second device and means for terminating [said] a media session upon [said] the first device.